

# Newman Lake Flood Control Zone District Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2018

## Attendees -

**Advisory Board (AB):** Karen Stebbins-Chair, Karen Lee Taff, Dennis Rewinkle, Lee Tate, Suzanne O'Connell, LeaAnn Gould via audio

**County Staff (CS):** Colleen Little, Ron Valencia

## MOTIONS:

1. Approval of 8/13/18 AB minutes. Vote: 6/0 PASS
2. Approval by AB that any communication between an assigned AB member and staff would be copied to all members of the AB and that any response from an unassigned AB member should go to the assigned member. Vote: 6/0 PASS

## TASK ASSIGNED:

1. With Lee's assistance, AB is to review and provide input for the budget Colleen presented today. She needs to digest AB revisions, summarize, and review with Chad first. AB needs to summarize their response and send to Colleen by Wednesday, September 5, in order to assist fairly in this process.
2. STATE CAPITAL FUNDS – PROJECTS FUND LIST
  - \*Colleen will check numbers for accuracy and email to AB for review.
  - \*AB needs to email Dennis any revisions for this list no later than Monday, September 3 in order for him to send to Colleen AB approval/revisions by Tuesday, September 4.
3. Karen Stebbins will contact Lorne Burley to obtain advice he might suggest pertaining to the equipment listed on the PROJECTS FUND LIST.

## **TOPICS DISCUSSED: (plus those above)**

- Colleen shared that the Staff/Community Meeting is scheduled for September 12, from 6:00-8:00pm at the Community Grange. An agenda has not been finalized at this time but planning to share what we come up with regarding the budget today and information pertaining to the petition. Karen Stebbins will include the date/time/location of this County Meeting in an email that she will be sending out and Karen Kruger will be doing the same. Colleen will share with AB the results from the survey she sent out to the community recently. AB will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Meeting at the beginning of October.
- NLFCZD Re-Classification Process Update: Ron shared as directed by the County Board that petitions were accepted, verified, and met threshold. Staff now meeting to create:
  1. List of qualifications needed for the appraisers.
  2. Scope of work that County wants appraisers to go forth with.When done County will meet with the AB to inform them of what has been completed. Dennis asked that active community members who actually brought about the petition process should also be invited to this meeting. Dennis also stated that active community members would be especially interested in the experience base of the “appraisers” in the area of defining benefits and benefit ratioing. Qualifications and scope of work are expected to be done by the end of this year. As of now forecasting the appraisal work will not be implemented until tax year 2020.
- NLFZD Equipment: Ron shared that he is working with Josh Kerns developing a capital budget request for funds to pay for equipment repair. Ron will approach Senator Padden with this budget request in hopes that he will approve it and present to the Capital Budget Committee in January, 2 Ron requested from Colleen a list of items needed to be on this prioritized list with a rounded cost for each of those groups. Colleen distributed a State Capital Funds – Projects Fund List created from the AB list. In reviewing list Lee and Dennis asked adding to Priority #2 the Speece Cone which is leaking. Barry Moore can be asked for cost estimate. Ron and Josh will present this completed, AB approved list to the Senator for his

comments. Once Senator agrees with our list it will be put into a bill. Lobbying will begin at this point, but first Staff will meet with AB to discuss lobbying and strategies to be used and how to include Community in this process.

- Boat Wake Discussion: Ron shared that Commissioner Kerns brought before the Board a Sheriff Deputy who is in charge of the Maritime Enforcement Board. All are interested in limiting boat wakes for smaller and shallower lakes, as it affects shoreline erosion and safety, i.e. Newman and Silver Lakes. Research on this topic is being done and when completed findings will be presented to the Board. This is in the primary stage and Ron will notify AB when findings are presented. Goal is to have decision made by next boating season.
- AB and County Staff Communication: Ron and Colleen met with Chad regarding the bottle neck of communication between AB and County Staff. Both groups have been working on this topic, which has greatly improved the communication. See Motion 2 for further detail on this subject.
- NLFCZD 2019 Budget Discussion: Colleen distributed 4 handouts:
  1. Scenario #1 – Listed budgets for 2016 – 2019 Proposed Budget
  2. Scenario #1 & #2 – Listed NLFCZD Estimated 2019 Expenses
  3. Scenario #1 & #2 – Listed Contracts and Purchases
  4. Scenario #1 – Listed components of Scenario #1 with additional info pertaining to Potential Repercussions and Maintenance Projects not currently budgeted.

District would rather see an assessment increase in 2019 for 10-12% versus 4.76% to ensure that reserves are continuing to grow and projects get done.

Scenario #2 – Same exact scenario as #1, except \$30,000 is allocated for hiring the three appraisers, as obligated per RCW, which has been tabled for further discussion. Assessment fee increase rises to 17.3% with this addition added to budget. AB members feel strongly that community will not support this increase. However, Colleen very concerned about reserves being lowered to keep assessment fee increase under 5% as stated by AB. By doing this Colleen fears we will not have money to cover repairing any major equipment which would greatly reduce water quality and that we are

not building towards the future in our reserves. AB has concern that the community has heard for years that \$30,000 for petition appraisers does not come out of our budget, but now it is. Ron is hoping that the County Board will be able to help with the appraiser costs.

- AB discussed the updates for the P & P Manual that have been sent to the County. The update that refers specifically to AB member attendance will be provided to our new AB members in order to inform them as to this expectation.